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## United States Mint Announces America the Beautiful Quarters Bulk Purchase Program

WASHINGTON – The United States Mint today announced the America the Beautiful Quarters Bulk Purchase Program. The minimum purchase requirement under the program is one (1) bulk bag, which contains 200,000 coins with a total value of \$50,000. A three percent processing fee of \$1,500 per bulk bag will be applied to each order to offset the cost of the program. In addition to the processing fee, purchasers must arrange for pickup from either the United States Mint at Philadelphia or at Denver. A properly licensed commercial carrier is required to retrieve the coins.

The United States Mint accepts payment for bulk purchases only through bank wire transfer. Once the funds are transferred to, and confirmed by, the United States Mint, instructions for transportation will be provided. The coins will be provided to bulk purchasers on or after the Federal Reserve Bank's release date. Orders will be processed up to one week prior to the release of each quarter in the United States Mint America the Beautiful Quarters Program.

Orders for previously released quarters will be accepted as long as unassigned inventory exists. The United States Mint may produce additional coins to satisfy orders throughout the year if time and resources permit. This is no guarantee, however, and orders may be declined. The agency intends to offer coins through this sales channel as long as there is sufficient demand or the coins become readily available through the normal distribution channels. The Hot Springs National Park quarter was released into circulation on April 19, 2010, with the Yellowstone National Park quarter scheduled for release on June 1. Quarters honoring Yosemite National Park, Grand Canyon National Park, and Mount Hood National Forest will be released later in the year.

Inquiries regarding the purchase of quarters through the America the Beautiful Quarters Bulk Purchase Program should be sent by e-mail to <a href="mailto:atbbulk@usmint.treas.gov">atbbulk@usmint.treas.gov</a>. More detailed information about the program is available at <a href="http://usmint.gov/mint\_programs/atb/bulk/">http://usmint.gov/mint\_programs/atb/bulk/</a>.

The United States Mint, created by Congress in 1792, is the Nation's sole manufacturer of legal tender coinage. Its primary mission is to produce an adequate volume of circulating coinage for the Nation to conduct its trade and commerce. The United States Mint also produces proof, uncirculated and commemorative coins; Congressional Gold Medals; and silver, gold and platinum bullion coins.

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